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Sir:

Preliminarily to the examination of the present application, the Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered in the application.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION begin on Page 2 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 6 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS begin on Page 11 of this paper and include an attached sheet of new drawings.

REMARKS begin on Page 12 of this paper.

An APPENDIX including the new drawing figures is attached following Page 13 of this paper.